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The amendment filed on June 1, 2004, results in the presentation of only claims drawn to a non-elected invention, and is therefore non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The pending claims are not readable on the elected invention because in the restriction requirement of November 5, 2003, applicant was afforded the opportunity to elect claims directed to a composition comprising a plant solid and polyvinylpyrrolidone, i.e., group II. Instead, applicant chose to elect group I, directed to a composition comprising a plant solid and a polymeric carrier, in a specific physical form (drink mix, tablet, or capsule). See election, filed December 8, 2003. This election was made without traverse. Now, in response to an office action demonstrating lack of novelty of the elected invention, applicant attempts, by amendment, to shift their election to the subject matter of group II, subject matter clearly non-elected, without traverse, in the original election made by applicant. Applicant may not, as a matter of right, make such a shift with respect to their election. See MPEP § 819.

In sum, because the amendment of June 1, 2004, changes all claims under examination to read on group II, which was non-elected *without traverse*, a holding of non-responsiveness is clearly proper.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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